

would drive into town, why the fellows would imitate him you see.

"Hi" whatever his name was and hold up their hand like that was drinkin out of a bottle and then they'd part him and his buddie.

And there I had to go to the state welfare department at that time they were giving out clothes to school kids. Get clothes so his kids could come to my school. It was a matter of -- on their part.

(Were therea many people whom you clothed in this manner?)

Not too many, no. I can remember one incident that boy older, boy was absent from school one day, and I said to him where's -- your brother?" And he said, "Oh he's out sproutin." I didn't know what sproutin was and well he was cuttin' persimmon and sassafras sprouts in fields see. His dad was plowen with a walkin plow and -- had to cut sprouts so that they wouldnt swap the team or whip them in the face when they drive the plow--sassafras and --

(Persimmons?)

Yeah, persimmons sprouts. Yeah they had those 2 kind of sprouts. Many of them cut the stalks rather high in the bottoms so they wouldn't have to bend their backs so far and then they'd just plow around the stumps. But I saw this happen also. I saw tractors come into the Strading Rock Bend, this same fellow I was tellin' you about that graudated from the eight grade is now county commissioner in Cherokee County. He learned this--this was good training, for him, in this Signal Corps. And he got him a little tractor and he made a good crop the first year afterthe war and this got him started in farming. And he's a real successful cattleman. But I saw him come to the day when they'd out those stumps out of there. They used powder on 'em so he could